

REPORT.

The Committee on Internal Improvements beg leave to report, that when the report of the committee was made to the House on the it was announced that no communication had been received from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company showing the amount paid out of the funds of the corporation to officers of that company over and above their salaries. Since then, on the the chairman of the internal improvement committee of the House received from the president of the canal company the tables hereto annexed. It is due to the present president and directors of the company to say, that these tables do credit to the manner in which the affairs of the company in this respect have been managed. It appears that, since the present board of directors qualified in June last, a period of nearly nine months, no extra allowance of any kind has been made to, or received by any officers of the canal company; and that during the same time the whole amount paid for travelling expenses by officers of the company, is to T. Fillebrown, Jr. \$47 25, and to J. P. Ingle \$12 62. Under the administration of the last board of directors these items of expenditure were very large.

Mr. Mercer received as extra allowance,	\$5,000 00
Mr. Washington received as extra allowance,	1,925 01
do do for travelling expenses,	673 64
Mr. Ingle received as extra allowance,	2,200 00
do do travelling expenses,	248 04
Mr. Robert Barnard received as extra allowance,	700 00
Mr. Gunton received for travelling expenses,	340 52
Mr. Janney do do	41 89
Mr. Albert do do	136 00

The travelling expenses of these directors and clerks were, it is presumed, paid when they were assisting the president in the discharge of duties properly imposed upon him. In addition to these sums paid severally to the officers here named, between April, 1834, and June, 1839, the sum of \$4,148 52 was expended by the president and members of the board of directors in trips reviewing the line of the canal, and at Annapolis, in addition to the regular compensation allowed them by law.

During the time Mr. Mercer was president of the canal company, there was paid to officers of the company for travelling expenses \$430 14.